GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1261
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STATUS OF CHALK
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received some proposals from the various State Governments to consider Chalk as minor mineral instead of major mineral;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMMI REDDY)

(a) to (c): State Government of Gujarat had sent a proposal for declaring Chalk as a minor mineral. After examining the proposal, the Central Government has decided that in the interest of scientific and systematic development of mineral chalk, it should continue to be classified as a major mineral.